

# Needs Based Funding System

A proposal based on assessing individual's needs and providing funding based upon those assessments.

# Management Strategy

- Incorporated Strengths
  - Local Decision Making that results in a system that is flexible and efficient
  - Lower cost for comparable FTEs
  - Increased and consistent accessibility to staff
  - Significant and holistic community connection and involvement
  - Continued progress towards standardization
    - Applications, data systems, notices, eligibility, etc.

# Management Strategy

- System Improvements
  - Funding issues
    - Individualized - Needs Based
    - Decategorized – Simplified
  - Addresses Inadequate funding
  - Resolution of waiting list and waiver slot issues
  - Resolution of legal settlement issues
  - Addresses system inequities

# System Improvements

- Funding issues – Individualized – Needs Based
  - Service managers will assess each individual to identify their specific needs.
    - Supports Intensity Scale (SIS) – MR, DD, BI
    - Level of Care Utilization System (LOCUS) CMI
  - Assessed needs will determine an individual budget allocation – identifying cost
  - Individuals and their team/representative will choose what supports they will purchase
    - Individuals will purchase supports within the confines of their budget
    - Individuals will purchase supports based upon their identified needs

# System Improvements

- Funding Issues - Decategorized - Simplified
  - Elimination of the current funding formula
- Pools dollars
  - Growth/Community services/Property tax relief/Property taxes/Risk pool
- County or regional budgets are developed based on:
  - Individual assessed needs, historical non assessed needs, administrative expenses
  - Counties will levy their maximum
- Standardized levy rates will establish funding equity
  - Then needed pooled dollars are allocated based on developed county budgets not funding formulas

# System Improvements

- Addresses Inadequate funding
  - Should pooled dollars not be adequate to cover assessed needs/budgets statewide waiting list implemented
  - Options for statewide waiting lists would include:
    - Prioritize risks through reductions in individualized budgets
    - Persons with higher assessed needs will be least impacted
    - If necessary waiver slot waiting lists will be utilized on a statewide basis

# System Improvements

- Resolution of waiting list and waiver slot issues
  - Changes waiting lists and waiver slots from being based on individual counties/regions to statewide
- Resolution of legal settlement issues
  - Pooled dollars are allocated based on the assessed needs of residents in a county or region
  - Pooled dollars will be allocated to the county/region where individuals reside

# System Improvements

- Addresses system inequities
  - Moves away from the concept of “Core Services” to funding assessed support needs of individuals
  - Individual budgets are based on assessed need not where an individual lives
  - If an individual chooses to move to a different county/region their budget moves with them
  - Would create a statewide management plan
  - Needs determined and funded based on objective assessments



# Conclusion

- This proposal has the capacity to:
  - Eliminate legal settlement, county funding silos, system inequities, waiting lists based on an individual county, county waiver slot issues
  - Provide for individualization and flexibility at the consumer level
- In addition this proposal addresses:
  - Short term and long term funding of the MH/DD System
  - Long term management strategies
  - Community capacity
    - Consumer choice option, Consumer directed attendant care, community based supports